

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A system for managing newly accessible media content on a communication network, comprising:

a display communicatively coupled to at least one communication device at a first private home, the at least one communication device being in at least one of a “standby” mode and an “off” mode, the display being in an “off” mode;

a communication network communicatively coupled to the at least one communication device; and

a second communication device at a second private home, wherein the second communication device creates a personal media channel that comprises a personal video, wherein the second communication device pushes the personal media channel over the communication network to the at least one communication device, wherein the at least one communication stores the personal media channel, wherein the at least one communication device detects the personal media channel that was pushed to the at least one communication device, wherein, after the detection, the at least one communication device activates the display that was in the “off” mode and displays at least one indication relating to the detection on the activated display, wherein the at least one communication device provides a media guide user interface on the display, wherein the media guide user interface displays a list of individual channels, wherein the individual channels comprise broadcast media channels and non-broadcast media channels, wherein the personal media channel pushed to the at least one communication device is a non-broadcast media channel and is added to the media guide user interface on the display, and wherein the at least one communication device can select the personal media channel to watch the personal video,

wherein each of the at least one communication device and the second communication device comprises a respective media exchange software platform, wherein the respective media

exchange software platform provides media push capability, media access capability, media channel construction, media channel selection, image sequence selection, text overlay, voice overlay, channel naming, program naming, inter-home routing selection, billing service and the media guide user interface.

2. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the communication network comprises one or more of the following: a third party media server, a media exchange server, a third party media provider, a third party service provider, a media storage server, a broadband access headend, a broadcast channel provider, a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, a closed communication infrastructure, a local area network, and/or a wireless infrastructure.

3. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the communication network comprises the Internet.

4. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one communication device comprises one or more of the following: a computer, a storage device, a media peripheral, set-top box circuitry, a television, a text display, a keyboard, a computer mouse, a remote control, an internal speaker, an intercom system, an infrared transmitter, light emitting diodes (LED's), and/or a stereo system.

5. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the display is one or more of the following: a CRT-based television, a high definition TV (HDTV), a plasma display system, and/or a projection television.

6. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the individual channels provide one or more of the following: third party media content, user-created media content, digital video, digital images, digital audio, documents, files, non-broadcast media content, broadcast television programs, radio channels, news programming, sporting events programming, special programming, and/or on-demand movies.

7. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 6, wherein the personal media channel stored in the at least one communication channel can be pushed over the communication network to a third communication device in a third private home.

8. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one indication relating to the detection comprises one or both of a display pop-up window notification and/or a display ghost overlay notification on the activated display.

9. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 8, wherein the at least one indication relating to the detection is transmitted to another device via a wireless link.

10. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one indication relating to the detection comprises one or more of the following: a text display announcement, activating LED's, and/or an audible announcement.

11. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 10, wherein the at least one indication relating to the detection of the newly accessible media content is transmitted to another device via a wireless link.

12. (Currently Amended) A system for managing newly accessible media content on a

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communication network, comprising:

a display that is initially off;

at least one processor disposed in a first communication device at a first private home, the communication device being in a “standby” mode and communicatively coupled to a communication network; and

a second communication device at a second private home, wherein the second communication device creates a personal media channel that comprises personal digital pictures, wherein the second communication device pushes the personal media channel over the communication network to the first communication device, wherein the first communication device detects the personal media channel that was pushed to the first communication device, wherein, after the detection, the first communication device activates the display that was off and displays, on the activated display, at least one indication relating to the detection, wherein the first communication device provides a media guide user interface on the display, wherein the media guide user interface displays a table of individual channels, wherein the individual channels comprise broadcast media channels and non-broadcast media channels, wherein the personal media channel pushed to the first communication device is a non-broadcast media channel and is added to the media guide user interface on the display, and wherein the first communication device can select the personal media channel to view the personal digital pictures,

wherein each of the first communication device and the second communication device comprises a respective media exchange software platform, wherein the respective media exchange software platform provides media push capability, media access capability, media channel construction, media channel selection, image sequence selection, text overlay, voice overlay, channel naming, program naming, inter-home routing selection, billing service and the media guide user interface.

13. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 12, wherein the first

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communication device comprises one or more of the following: a computer, a storage device, a media peripheral, set-top box circuitry, a television, a text display, a keyboard, a computer mouse, a remote control, an internal speaker, an intercom system, an infrared transmitter, light emitting diodes (LED's), and/or a stereo system.

14. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 12, wherein the at least one indication relating to the detection comprises one or more of the following: a display pop-up window notification, a display ghost overlay notification, a text display announcement, activating LED's, and/or an audible announcement.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for managing newly accessible media content on a communication network, comprising:

creating, by a first communication device, a personal media channel comprising one or more personal digital pictures or one or more personal videos;

pushing, by the first communication device, the personal media channel over the communication network to a second communication device;

detecting, by the second communication device, the personal media channel that was pushed to the second communication device;

after the detection, activating, by the second communication device, a display that was previously off;

displaying, on the activated display, at least one indication relating to the detection; and

providing a media guide user interface on the activated display, wherein the media guide user interface displays a table of individual channels, wherein the individual channels comprise broadcast media channels and non-broadcast media channels, wherein the personal media channel pushed to the first communication device is added to table of individual channels, wherein the personal media channel can be selected to download the one or more personal digital pictures or one

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or more personal videos, wherein the media guide user interface provides download options with respect to the selected personal media channel that are based on cost and that affect download speed and media content quality; and

providing in each of the first communication device and the second communication device a respective media exchange software platform, wherein the media exchange software platform provides media push capability, media access capability, media channel construction, media channel selection, image sequence selection, text overlay, voice overlay, channel naming, program naming, inter-home routing selection, billing service and the media guide user interface.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the at least one indication is provided in one or more of the following: a text format, a graphic format, and/or an audio format.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the at least one indication relating to the detection comprises one or more of the following: a display pop-up window notification, a display ghost overlay notification, a text display announcement, activating LED's, and/or an audible announcement.

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the at least one indication is transmitted to another device via a wireless link.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for managing newly accessible media content on a communication network, comprising:

creating, by a first communication device, a personal media channel comprising one or more personal digital pictures;

pushing, by the first communication device, the personal media channel over the

communication network to a second communication device;

detecting, by the second communication device, the personal media channel that was pushed to the second communication device;

after the detection, activating, via a wireless link by the second communication device, a display that was previously off;

displaying, on the activated display, at least one indication relating to the detection;

providing a media guide user interface on the activated display, wherein the media guide user interface displays a table of individual channels, wherein the individual channels comprise broadcast media channels and non-broadcast media channels, wherein the personal media channel pushed to the first communication device is added to table of individual channels, wherein the personal media channel can be selected to download the one or more personal digital pictures or one or more personal videos, wherein the media guide user interface provides download options with respect to the selected personal media channel that are based on cost and that affect download speed and media content quality, wherein the media guide user interface;

providing in each of the first communication device and the second communication device a respective media exchange software platform, wherein the media exchange software platform provides media push capability, media access capability, media channel construction, media channel selection, image sequence selection, text overlay, voice overlay, channel naming, program naming, inter-home routing selection, billing service and the media guide user interface; and

displaying times, via the media guide user interface, at which the personal media channel is scheduled for access.

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein the second communication device pushes the personal media channel, which was pushed to the second communication device, to a third communication over the Internet.

21. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, comprising:  
generating an audible alert signal for the availability of the newly pushed personal media channel.

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the media guide user interface has a TV guide look and feel and is controlled by a remote control device.

23. (New) The system according to claim 1, wherein each of the at least one communication device and the second communication device is configured to provide an “on” mode, the “off” mode, the “standby” mode and an “idle” mode.

24. (New) The system according to claim 1, wherein the communication network comprises a first broadband headend that includes a satellite headend, wherein the first broadband headend is coupled to the at least one communication device, and wherein the first broadband headend provides access to a broadcast channel provider and access to a wide area network.

25. (New) The system according to claim 24, wherein the communication network comprises a second broadband headend is coupled to the second communication device, wherein the second broadband headend provides access to the broadcast channel provider and access to the wide area network, wherein the broadcast channel provider is coupled between the first broadband headend and the second broadband headend, and wherein the wide area network is coupled between the first broadband headend and the second broadband headend.

26. (New) The system according to claim 1, wherein each of the at least one communication device, the second communication device and a third communication device comprises a respective media exchange software platform, and wherein the third communication

device makes an request via the communication network that a third-party channel be anonymously delivered to the at least one communication device or the second communication device.

27. (New) The system according to claim 26, wherein the third-party channel is accessed by the at least one communication device or the second communication device using its respective media exchange software platform.

28. (New) The system according to claim 27, wherein the third-party channel is accessed by the at least one communication device or the second communication device by entering a code in a remote control that is wirelessly coupled to the at least one communication device or the second communication device.

29. (New) The system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one communication device or the second communication device provides networking components that provide the following client functions: billing, authorization, registration, security and connectivity; wherein the networking components comprise a broadband communication interface; and wherein the broadband communication interface is coupled to a broadband headend that is external to the first private home and the second private home.